

Hertsmere News



Jubilee celebrations

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Hertsmere's Heroes Celebrated

Unsung heroes have been recognised for their efforts and positive contributions to the local community.

Above: This year's proud winners

Our former Mayor, **Councillor Anne Swerling**, presented Civic Awards to eight individuals at a prestigious ceremony earlier this year.

Those recognised were **Danny Hunter**, Chair of Boreham Wood Football Club following the team's historic run to the fifth round of the FA cup; **Elaine Miller** from Elstree, a primary education teacher who, along with a cohort of colleagues, has been helping Afghan refugees housed locally; **Bianca Sakol**, founder of Borehamwood-based children's charity

Sebby's Corner; **Granville Taylor**, Chair of Reveley Lodge Trust in Bushey; **Luke Saydon**, a musical director for inclusive choirs in Potters Bar and **Tracey Schapira** from Borehamwood, who organised a Covid-19 vaccination service, which included a safe space for needle-phobic residents.

Additionally, the **Youth Civic Award** was given to 14-year-old **Abigail Jacobs** from Borehamwood who has raised more than £12,500 for cancer charities after she was diagnosed with Leukaemia.

Lastly, **The Dave Rankin Award** for community safety was presented to **Jeremy Kaye**, a Special Sergeant and part of the Safer Neighbourhood Team for Radlett and Bushey who set up "Coffee with the Coppers" to build relations between the community and police.

> You can watch a short film, produced by **Written Records Ltd**, about each of the award winners on our YouTube channel or at www.hertsmere.gov.uk/civicawards.

New Mayor is welcomed

The mayoral chains have been passed to Councillor John Graham.

Cllr Graham, pictured right, took over the role from Cllr Anne Swerling at an inauguration ceremony last month. The new Deputy Mayor, Cllr Victor Eni, was also welcomed.

During her time as Mayor, Cllr Swerling raised money to support Essex and Herts Air Ambulance.

She said: "It was an absolute honour to be Mayor of Hertsmere over the past municipal year. Cllr Graham has been an excellent support in his role

of Deputy Mayor and I'm sure will excel in his new Mayoral role."

New mayor Cllr Graham will be raising money to support Peace Hospice Care during his year as Mayor.

> To invite the Mayor to attend one of your events, please contact the Mayor's Secretary on **020 8207 7477** or email mayors.secretary@hertsmere.gov.uk.



Welcome

Welcome to our special Jubilee edition with a photo tribute to Her Majesty the Queen on the front cover.



On page four you'll see how we supported platinum celebrations across the borough by awarding grants to local organisations to help celebrate this momentous occasion.

The wonderful achievements of this year's Hertsmere Civic Award winners are highlighted on page two along with news about the new Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr John Graham. My congratulations to them all.

We're also working hard, along with other organisations, to help our communities to manage money worries. You can find out more on pages 10 and 11. We also explain how we continue to support Ukrainian people who have been displaced to our borough,

fleeing the most appalling and frightening circumstances since the Russian invasion in February.

As always, there's a whole host of other updates about our broad range of services.

I hope you find it an enjoyable and informative read.

Councillor Morris Bright MBE
Leader of Hertsmere
Borough Council
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- Watch our short videos to find out about our services and events across the borough – www.YouTube.com/HertsmereBC
- Check our website regularly. The homepage is updated frequently and all our press releases can be found under 'Latest news' – www.hertsmere.gov.uk
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* Please wear a face covering for your visit

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Jubilee Celebrations

Platinum Jubilee events to celebrate the Queen's 70 years of public service took place this month.

In Hertsmere grants of up to £500 were awarded to 35 neighbourhood, charity and local organisations for community events to mark this historic occasion.

We hope you were able to attend some of the celebrations that took place.

On display

Displays and exhibitions were set up by our local museums at the Wyllotts Theatre and Bushey Museum and Art Gallery.

Radlett and District Museum's display entitled 'The Queen and Royal Connections' showcased items at the Radlett Village Big Jubilee Lunch street party.



Tree planting

We are planting a number of trees across Hertsmere as part of the Queen's Green Canopy, a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Among the native tree species planted so far are Prunus trees at the amenity greens at Mead Road in Shenley and Crown Road in Borehamwood; a Juglans at Moatfield in Bushey; an Acer at Boundary Green amenity green; a Tilia tree at Ripon Park in Borehamwood; a Betula at Furzefield Leisure Centre in Potters Bar and a Fagus in Oakmere Park in Potters Bar.

Splash zone!

Work on creating a new splash park in Borehamwood is well under way!

The splash zone in Meadow Park includes 23 in-ground jets forming features such as arches to crawl under, or large columns of water to run or jump through. There are also a Hula Spray, which forms a circular water jail, and Hydro Blasts, including a fountain-like spray in the centre which reaches 3.5m high – are you brave enough?

The splash park is the latest in a series of significant improvements to create a great place for people of all ages to get outside and have fun.

The splash park is due to open this summer.





Step into Summer

With the weather hotting up, it's time to step your fitness up a notch! A range of outdoor and indoor initiatives are available to help you to stay active.

Local Tennis League

Pick up a racquet and play against opponents at a mutually convenient time and location. Players must be 18+ and can be any standard. The winning player of the round wins a £20 voucher! Entry costs £18 and the next round is 23 June to 17 August – join by 20 June at www.localtennisleagues.com/watfordandhertsmere.

Our fabulous new tennis courts in Meadow Park can be used for Local Tennis League matches, or just a game with family and friends. Book at www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/MeadowParkBorehamwood.

Rose Garden Pilates & Yoga

To experience the ultimate zen, discover Yoga and Pilates in the beautiful setting of Bushey Rose Garden this summer. For more information, visit www.wemoveshemoves.me.uk.

InspireAll

All three leisure centres in the borough have a great range of activities available including gym, swimming, classes, indoor and outdoor sports and lots of children's activities for the summer holidays. Make sure to visit the centre websites and The Venue's, Bushey Grove's and Furze Field's Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest information. www.hertsmere.gov.uk/InspireAll

Bowls

Fancy playing outdoor bowls this summer? The public all-weather green at Aberford Community Centre is the place to go. Everyone is welcome to play and equipment is provided if needed. To find out more and book, visit www.communities1st.org.uk/aberfordbowls.

We Move, She Moves

Our award-winning activity programme for women and girls aged 16+ has classes including Jump Fit, Aerobics, Pilates, Zumba, Aqua Zumba, Stroller Strength, Golden Dance Fit and Yoga. Visit www.wemoveshemoves.me.uk for more information and updates.

Keep an eye on the websites shown here, for all the latest updates on activities and events

Below: Yoga in the Rose Garden.



This Girl Can Festival

A free women and girls (16+ only) festival encouraging people to become more active and get involved in local community projects, such as We Move, She Moves. Come along and enjoy a fun day full of a range of activities! The event will be held Sunday 17 July midday to 3pm at Elstree & Borehamwood Synagogue, Croxdale Rd, Borehamwood. For more information visit www.thisgirlcanherts.org/events and register your interest with community.services@hertsmere.gov.uk.



Below: Studios Rotary Club of Elstree and Borehamwood.



Great British Spring Clean

Thank you to all the volunteers who took part in the Great British Spring Clean 2022.

Litter picks were organised across the borough by local groups, supported by our Street Scene team, to protect our vibrant communities and precious wildlife habitats.

Collection calendar 2022

July 2022

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W1					1	2	3
W2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
W1	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
W2	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
W1	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August 2022

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
W1	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
W2	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
W1	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
W2	29	30	31				

September 2022

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W2				1	2	3	4
W1	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
W2	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
W1	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
W2	26	27	28	29	30		

Week 1 (W1)

Black bin: Anything that cannot be recycled.

Week 2 (W2)

Green bin: Food and garden waste.

Brown bin: Glass, cartons, plastics, cans, cardboard and paper.



Just about everything can be recycled at home but other items, such as clothes, electrical items and batteries, can be recycled at local recycling banks or your local Recycling Centre.

For more information and details of opening times please visit www.wasteaware.org.uk

Public holidays All collections in a week following a public holiday will take place a day later. For example, a Monday collection will take place on Tuesday and a Friday collection will take place on Saturday, unless you are notified otherwise. Collection calendars are also available on our website at www.hertsmere.gov.uk/collectioncalendar



www.hertsmere.gov.uk/recycling

October 2022

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W2						1	2
W1	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
W2	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
W1	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
W2	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
W1	31						

November 2022

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W1		1	2	3	4	5	6
W2	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
W1	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
W2	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
W1	28	29	30				

December 2022

	M	T	W	TH	F	S	SU
W1				1	2	3	4
W2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
W1	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
W2	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
W1	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Thank you!

Our waste crews work hard to maintain waste and recycling collections but issues outside our control mean we are not always able to collect every bin on the scheduled day.

Waste services are under considerable strain as they deal with COVID absences and self-isolation, the national shortage of HGV drivers, competition from other sectors for staff and the increased volume of domestic waste.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If we are unable to collect your waste and recycling on the scheduled day, we will try to collect your items as soon as we can.

Visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/binupdates for updates. If you have excess waste you can take it to recycling centres in Allum Lane in Elstree or Cranborne Road in Potters Bar.

Clothes swap

A clothes swap event is a great way to update your wardrobe for free! Simply bring along clothes you no longer wear to swap them for somebody else's.

The next event takes place on **Saturday 24 September** at The Radlett Centre.

To find out more visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/clotheswap.





REMINDER

Have you had your say on our parish review?

There is still time to have your say on the Community Governance Review, which explores whether changes need to be made to ensure our parish councils continue to be effective representatives of residents and have appropriate boundaries, number of councillors and wardings.

The review encompasses Aldenham Parish Council, Ridge Parish Council, Shenley Parish Council and South Mimms Parish Council.

To find out more and to have your say visit:
www.hertsmere.gov.uk/cgr or email cgr@hertsmere.gov.uk.

ARE YOUR DETAILS CORRECT?

Our annual canvass starts this summer, so make sure you look out for messages from us.

The annual canvass helps us update information about who is living at each address and is used to invite residents to register to vote.

From August you will receive either an email, text or letter to check your information is correct.

➤ If we do not have your electronic contact details and you are happy to receive communications by email or text, please send your contact details to elections@hertsmere.gov.uk and we will update our records.

Largest ever fine for Hertsmere fly tipping offence

A fly tipper has been fined over £25,000 — the largest of its kind in Hertsmere — for dumping waste in our borough.

A north London man pleaded guilty at court to four charges of fly tipping and 12 duty of care offences.

He left waste in Galley Lane in Barnet, within the Hertsmere boundary, on four occasions during July last year and evidence collected from the scene led council officers to his address.

We all have a duty of care to ensure our household waste is disposed of correctly. If your waste is fly tipped you could receive a fixed penalty notice of up to £300 or face criminal prosecution, even if you didn't put

it there. Remember, if it's your waste, it's your responsibility.

As part of the 'Let's SCRAP fly tipping' countywide campaign we're reminding you to call 999 immediately if you see fly tipping in progress and report it using our online form at www.hertsmere.gov.uk/reportit, or calling our customer service team on **020 8207 2277**.

For more information on how to dispose of your waste responsibly or find a registered waste carrier, please visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/flytipping.



Fly tipping at Galley Lane, Barnet.



Pictured, front, left to right: Cllr John Graham, then Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere; Colonel Kevin FitzGerald, Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire; and Cllr Seamus Quilty, Hertfordshire County Council Chair.

Remembering those lost in Potters Bar

The victims of the Potters Bar rail crash have been remembered, 20 years to the day since a commuter train came off the track killing seven people and injuring many others.

Dignitaries, community and industry leaders and representatives from the emergency services were joined by the daughters of Agnes Quinlivan, who was killed by falling debris from the crash, for a 20th anniversary memorial ceremony.

The incident on 10 May 2002 affected our community profoundly and led to a long investigation into Network Rail's predecessor, Railtrack.

As part of the ceremony, which took place at a memorial garden created for victims of

the disaster by the train station in Darkes Lane, a minute's silence was held at 12.56pm, the time of the crash.

The Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, Colonel Kevin FitzGerald; Hertfordshire County Chair, Cllr Seamus Quilty and the former Deputy Mayor of Hertsmere, Cllr John Graham, laid wreaths in honour of all those killed and all those affected by the incident, along with representatives from today's operator Great Northern, East Coast, British

Transport Police, Hertfordshire Police, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service and East of England Ambulance Service.

A memorial service was then held at the Church of Our Lady and St Vincent in Mutton Lane. Children from Pope Paul Catholic Primary School were in attendance and candles were lit to remember the seven victims and all those affected by the incident.

Continued support for Ukrainian refugees

Unanimous agreement was given to a cross-party motion to support Ukrainian people who have been displaced into the borough's communities.

The motion expressed 'full solidarity with the people of Ukraine' and highlighted

Hertsmere's proud record as a place of sanctuary and support for those displaced by conflict, including those from Afghanistan and Syria in recent years.

Measures agreed included making £50,000 available to support Ukrainian refugees, along with further funds to help speed up suitability checks on offers of accommodation.

The motion was proposed by Cllr Paul Morris, Conservative councillor for Bushey Heath and

seconded by Cllr Jeremy Newmark, Labour councillor for Borehamwood Cowley Hill and Leader of the Labour and Co-operative Group in Hertsmere.

Support from voluntary agencies

Working alongside Community Help Hertfordshire and the countywide network of voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations, Communities 1st has been collating a database of support available to Ukrainian refugees as well as for hosts providing accommodation.

➤ If your organisation is offering support, or bringing guests and hosts together, please email info@communityhelpherts.net. The Red Cross urgently needs your help to reach people in crisis. For more information or to donate, visit www.redcross.org.uk.

Pictured: Support from Bunmi at the Sewing Studio in Borehamwood who created this beautiful flag for us.



Pictured above: Communities 1st Community Volunteers Steve (left) and Michael (right) with the 'Vax Van' in Potters Bar.

We're continuing to support a community-focused response to tackling the COVID-19 pandemic by helping with the vaccination roll-out across the borough.

Since March, we have had a mobile vaccination van in Potters Bar weekly, and have seen huge success in uptake of jabs. Throughout March and April 1,500 vaccinations were delivered to residents from these vans alone. Thank you to everyone who came.

Our team is now making calls on behalf of surgeries to help people book their appointments.

In the coming months, we will continue to create and promote opportunities for residents to get vaccinated and boosted for summer.

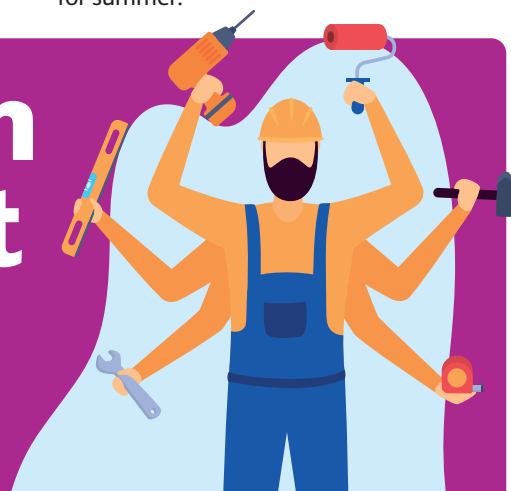
Get involved with Communities 1st

Want to get out whilst making a difference?

Communities 1st is looking for green-fingered volunteers to help someone struggling to create a space they enjoy, whilst getting some exercise and improving your own mood. To volunteer as a gardener, email: volunteer@communities1st.org.uk.

Communities 1st runs a Community Transport service for those with mobility issues who struggle to get around using public transport. The Community Car scheme takes you where you need to go, safely and securely. The Shopper Bus scheme will pick you up from your door and drop you at the supermarket. Friendly volunteers are on hand to help you board the bus and fetch items in the supermarket, should you need them.

To sign up or find out more about either of these services, email: travel@communities1st.org.uk.



If you receive benefits you can use our Handyman service for a reduced price. This service carries out simple DIY jobs for those who might struggle with these themselves. Our handyman can help with gardening, furniture assembly and fixes, single plumbing works, tiling – and much more! To find out more or sign up, email: handy@communities1st.org.uk.



Communities 1st

Working with you to make a bigger difference



Keep smiling this summer

Alongside the Vitamin D boost provided by the summer months, a range of support is available to bolster your health and wellbeing.



Healthy Hubs

Open for face-to-face, phone and online health and wellbeing advice and support. The hubs provide free lifestyle support covering mental health, physical activity, weight management, smoking cessation, health MOTs, nutritional advice and sexual health testing kits.

For more information, please visit:
www.hertsmere.gov.uk/healthyhubs.

Cancel Out Cancer

These 60-minute volunteer-led sessions are designed to improve people's awareness and understanding of cancer. You will learn about the signs and symptoms of cancer and understand why taking part in cancer screening is important. The next online session is on 23 June, 3pm to 4pm.

To book, please visit:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/191040736987.



Chatter Tables

Chatter Table session in full swing in Potters Bar.

A scheme to combat loneliness by bringing people together in an informal setting for a free cuppa and a chat has launched in Borehamwood. Anyone can drop into the

weekly Chatter Table at St Michael's Church every Monday from 1.30pm to 3pm. For more information, email danieljohn.smith@clarionhg.com.

Worrying about money?

Sustained efforts have been continuing across a range of agencies to tackle the rising pressure on foodbanks in Hertsmere.

The Hertsmere Food Poverty Alliance recently launched its 'Worrying about Money?' leaflet for residents experiencing financial insecurity, and anyone supporting.

The leaflet, which has been designed to help people identify and access local advice providers as well as existing entitlements, was sent to all households in March.

The alliance is made up of a wide range of charitable and public sector organisations, including Citizens Advice, Borehamwood Food Bank, Potters Bar Foodbank and The Red Trust Bushey Foodbank.



Find out more at
www.hertsmere.gov.uk/moneyworries.



JYOTI BHOJANI

Q&A

Introducing our Policy Manager for Health and Wellbeing: Jyoti Bhojani

Q Tell us a bit about your role as Policy Manager for Health and Wellbeing.

A I'm responsible for managing projects affecting the health and wellbeing of residents in our borough. I manage Hertsmere's Healthy Hubs, which bring together a range of public health services. I'm also the lead officer for the development and implementation of both the Community and Health and Wellbeing Strategies. My role also covers equalities which, among other things, works to ensure that all members of our diverse communities can get equal access to services.

Most recently, I have been working with partners across the borough to support those most vulnerable. This included identifying the need to address the rise in food insecurity in the borough. Working with a number of local organisations, I have established and chair the Hertsmere Food Poverty Alliance.

Q Tell us about a few of the key projects you are working on at the moment?

A The Food Poverty Alliance has recently launched its 'Worrying about Money?' leaflet, which is a new initiative aimed at ensuring those facing financial worries are able to access support. The leaflet has been designed to help people easily identify and access local advice providers and ways to access existing entitlements and maximise income.

I'm project managing Hertsmere's Healthy Hubs, and we are looking to expand the range of services available so

do keep an eye on the website!

I also work across the borough to support those most vulnerable and have recently launched pop-up healthy hubs at the foodbanks to ensure that clients are able to receive health and wellbeing support.

Q What do you hope to achieve over the coming months?

A In partnership with organisations across the borough, we have recently re-launched Hertsmere Dementia Friendly Communities, previously known as Hertsmere Dementia Action Alliance. The alliance members have all pledged to work towards making Hertsmere 'Dementia Friendly', with the aim of ensuring that those diagnosed with dementia are still able to play a full and active role in their communities. Over the next six months, we will be holding a number of Dementia Friends sessions, which are open to all in the borough. Alongside that, we will be developing a local action plan before we apply for Alzheimer's Society recognition.

Q What advice would you give to someone worried about their health?

A Hertsmere's Healthy Hubs are a great place to get free advice for you and your family. The Healthy Hub Advocates can provide advice on a range of areas including, mental health, physical

activity, weight management, smoking cessation, health MOTs and nutritional advice, and sexual health testing kits. To find out more please contact partnership.support@hertsmere.gov.uk.

Q What do you enjoy about your role?

A I really enjoy the varied nature of it. My role covers quite a lot so I'm always working on new projects and ideas to support the health and wellbeing of Hertsmere residents.

Q What are the biggest challenges you face within your role?

A Responding to the increased pressure on household budgets and ensuring those that need support and advice get this as early as possible.

Q Tell us something about yourself that people might not know.

A As a child, I was an extra in Indian Babu, a Bollywood film partly set in London.





Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership (CSP) brings a range of organisations together to ensure a joined-up and strategic approach to tackling crime and disorder issues in the borough.

To find out more about community safety in Hertsmere please visit: www.hertsmere.gov.uk/communitysafety



Above: A community event in Borehamwood and Over 60s event in Potters Bar.

CSP goes out and about

Chilly weather didn't dampen community fun

Despite the cold weather more than 250 local residents came out to enjoy a free community event in Borehamwood in April.

There was an afternoon of games, sports and refreshments, as well as an opportunity to find out about Hertsmere Community Safety Partnership and other local organisations.

Representatives from the council, Hertfordshire Police, Clarion Housing, Herts Mind Network, OneYMCA, Leecliffe Big Local and many more attended, providing information, advice and support to local residents on how they can support them.

Over 60s safety event a success

A free 'safety, help and advice' event for people aged 60 plus in Potters Bar saw more than 30 attendees receive advice on safety inside and outside the home, scams and how to avoid them; and health and wellbeing advice to help live healthier, independent lives.

Our officers were joined by Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue, Hertfordshire Police, Trading Standards, MIND, the Alzheimer's Society and Age UK.

Lesson in positive choices

Borehamwood students, professionals and parents took part in a three-day event to learn about the pressures many young people are under to get involved in anti-social behaviour or criminality, as well as how to make positive choices under these pressures.

The Choices and Consequences event saw almost 300 Year 6 students, professionals and parents hear from local organisations about how young people can make better choices and prevent them from going down the wrong path.

UPDATE

PLANNING FOR GROWTH LOCAL PLAN HERTSMERE



Agreement reached on Local Plan direction

The current version of our new draft Local Plan has been 'set aside' but all 39 councillors agreed to continue the plan-making process, so that the allocation of land for future development in the borough remains under local democratic control.

Our draft plan was published last year and set out how the borough could grow over the next 15 years and beyond, by providing homes and job opportunities for the next and current generation, as well as the infrastructure to support that growth.

As a Local Planning Authority, we have an obligation to proactively prepare for growth in a way which enables local people to have as much control over the future of their borough as possible.

Additional funding was also agreed to support new and ongoing work.

Nearly 18,000 responses were received on the draft plan during a public engagement last autumn.

Those submissions are giving us valuable insight into the views and opinions of residents, businesses and other stakeholders about how the borough could grow.

An initial analysis shows a key theme was to the level of development proposed in the plan, in particular that related to housing and the impact on the Green Belt.

For more information visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/newlocalplan.

We're working through the proposals that were recently announced in the government's Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill last month, however the requirement for councils to have up-to-date Local Plans remains unchanged.



Dexter, our friendly planning **chatbot**, has been designed to help answer general questions related to the planning process, including how to search for or submit planning applications, to report planning

Get your planning questions answered

There's a new way to get your planning questions answered, at any time or place, and without having to pick up the phone.

breaches, appeal a planning decision, where to get tree advice, find information on conservation areas or locally listed buildings.

You can access Dexter by going to the planning pages on our website

www.hertsmere.gov.uk and clicking on the 'Got a planning question?' icon in the bottom right-hand corner. Simply type in your question and Dexter will search for the solution.

JOIN THE COMMUNITY LOTTERY FAMILY!

Hertsmere Community Lottery is on track to raise almost **£13,000** for good causes this year.

The lottery currently has 25 good causes signed up and around 200 supporters, who each help make a difference in our community.

Supporters donate 50p of every £1 ticket directly to the organisation they want to help, with an extra 10p going to a good causes fund.

The lottery draw takes place every

Saturday at 8pm and supporters are in with a chance of winning up to £25,000.

To sign up your non-profit group or to buy tickets, visit:

www.hertsmerecommunitylottery.co.uk or follow us on our Facebook page and Instagram account (@HertsmereLotto). Thank you for supporting the lottery and good luck!





A new joint venture which aims to help address the deepening housing affordability concerns in Hertsmere has been established.

Tackling housing affordability



Hertsmere Living launched in the early spring and is a stockholding joint venture company in partnership with Clarendon Living, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Watford Community Housing.

This sees a number of social and affordable housing units currently under construction being transferred on completion to the joint venture company whilst we permanently retain nomination rights over those properties, ensuring they go to those most in need.

Using the housing association's expertise, the partnership also aims to deliver affordable homes at other potential sites in the borough.

Home ownership or private rental is out of reach for a significant proportion of the borough's residents. According to September



2020 data from the Local Housing Need Assessment, Hertsmere households must earn at least £67,000 to afford

to buy a property and £34,400 to rent privately. However, the lower quartile income level for Hertsmere's population is £25,300.

This scheme aims to help those who would otherwise not be able to afford it to secure quality housing for the long term.



For information, please visit www.wcht.org.uk/partnerships.

ADVERTISEMENT

Preventing rough sleeping in Hertsmere

We're continuing to work with partner organisations to ensure no one has to spend a night on the streets.

If you are concerned that someone over the age of 18 may be sleeping rough, you can alert us via the StreetLink app.

The details you provide will help us to find the individual and connect them to support.

If you think the person sleeping rough is under 18, please call Herts Police on their emergency number **999**.



Manage your energy bills and carbon footprint

Sustainable Warmth is a new government grant scheme to help fund energy-efficiency upgrades and support households most impacted by rising energy bills.

Families living in poorly insulated homes and with low household income or eligible benefits, can apply to receive a range of insulation measures and renewable heating technologies.

The scheme is open to homeowners, private tenants and people in social rented accommodation. The funding covers the entire cost of the improvements up to £10,000 for homeowners and up to £5,000 for landlords, who are required to provide match funding.

To find out if you're eligible visit <http://surveys.est.org.uk/s/GreenHomesGrantSchemeLAD> or call **0808 196 8255**.

We are recruiting...

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Working for INSPIREALL your staff benefits will include:

- **FREE** use of our gyms, swimming pools and classes for you, your partner and 4 children (T & C apply)
- **DISCOUNTS** on Nursery places and children's activities
- **REDUCED** Fitness membership for family and friends
- Long Service & **WOW** Awards
- **GENEROUS** holiday entitlement
- Excellent **TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES** and career progression

Some of our current opportunities include;

CUSTOMER ADVISOR Realistic opportunity to earn £28,000 pa, basic £18,576.
RECEPTIONIST £18,576 plus commission.



Visit www.inspireall.com/vacancies for all our current opportunities

Meet your Councillors

You can contact your ward councillors at any reasonable time. Hertsmere has a Conservative majority, with 29 Conservative councillors, seven Labour and Co-operative councillors and three Liberal Democrat councillors. Your councillors are listed in alphabetical order by ward. If you don't know which ward you live in, please visit www.hertsmere.gov.uk/findmycouncillor or call 020 8207 2277.

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What's on

Radlett Musical Theatre Company production of Disney's The Little Mermaid

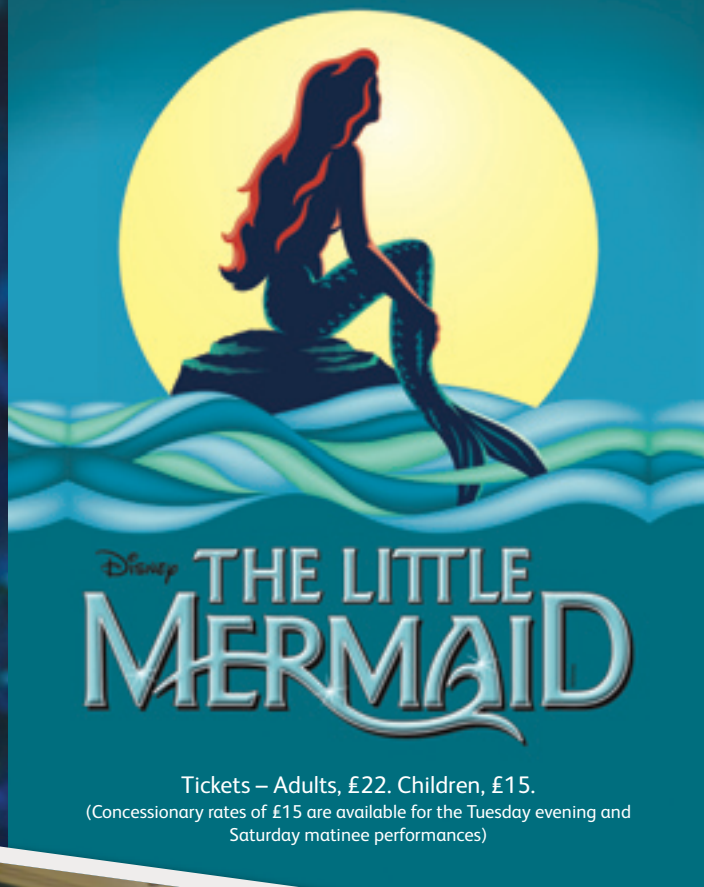
Tuesday 11 – Friday 14 October | 7.45pm
Saturday 15 October | 11am and 4pm

Based on the animated 1989 Disney film and the classic story by Hans Christian Andersen, Disney's The Little Mermaid tells the story of a mermaid who dreams of the world above the sea and gives up her voice to find true love.

The magical tale includes much-loved classic songs, such as "Under the Sea", "Part of Your World" and "Poor Unfortunate Souls". Beloved original characters, including Ariel, Flounder and Sebastian, will take you and your family on a magical underwater adventure.

Radlett Musical Theatre Company (RMTc) is celebrating our 50th year of bringing inventive, high quality theatre to our local community. Join us as we make a splash with this all-star production!

Book tickets online at: www.radlettcentre.co.uk/What-s-On/Theatre/Little-Mermaid.



Tickets – Adults, £22. Children, £15.

(Concessionary rates of £15 are available for the Tuesday evening and Saturday matinee performances)

Discover our four museums

Bushey Museum and Art Gallery

The Lady in White

A stunning portrait 'The Lady in White' by renowned artist, Hubert von Herkomer, has been returned to its home in Bushey.

The painting is one of the most important acquisitions the museum has made and depicts Katherine Grant, aged 19, a Bushey resident and daughter of a friend of the artist, who was painted in 1884 by Herkomer in a series of weekday breakfast painting sessions before he went to teach at his Bushey art school.

The museum is free to visit and open 11am to 4pm, Thursday to Sunday.

To find out more visit: www.busheymuseum.org.

Radlett and District Museum

The Story of Our Shops

The latest exhibition takes a nostalgic trip along Watling

Street to explore how the town's shops have changed over the last hundred years.

Open 10am to midday on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

To find out more, please visit: www.radlettmuseum.com.

Elstree and Borehamwood Museum

Off The Rails – The Line That Never Was

An 18-foot scale model shows how the town would have looked if Elstree had joined the London Underground. The exhibition recreates the Elstree extension with information boards telling the story through photographs, drawings and plans starting with the initial idea and long-term effects of the post-war cancellation.



Above: The Lady in White is back home.



Left: Off The Rails scale model.

Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday midday to 6pm and Saturdays 10am to 3pm.

To find out more visit: www.elstree-museum.org.uk/.

Potters Bar Museum

20th Century Fashion

Explore the fashions from the beginning to the end of the 1900s. You can also explore the varied collections

including a range of novelty telephones, as well as items found during the construction of the Wyllyotts Centre, natural history items and Mesolithic stone implements.

Open 2.30pm to 4.30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11am to 1pm on Saturdays.

See their Facebook page for more details:

www.facebook.com/pottersbarmuseum.